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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Combs et al.

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**Dear Sir:**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 15, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated July 15, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040708), having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 15, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/113692CON1, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.